

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-2 and 4-15 are pending in the application, with 1, 8 and 15 being the independent claims. Claim 3 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Unless otherwise indicated, the claim amendments are for purposes of clarity and not to overcome any rejection in the Office Action.

Applicant also submits a Request to Approve Proposed Drawing Correction to address objections raised in the Office Action.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

**Objections to the Drawings**

The drawings stand objected to because of informalities. As noted above, Applicants submit replacement drawings to correct the alleged informalities in FIGs. 1-3 and 5, as requested in the Official Action. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Objection to the Drawings be withdrawn.

**Claim Objections**

Claim 15 stands objected to because of alleged informalities. Based on the amendment to claim 15 shown above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vierthaler et al. Claim 3 has been cancelled, therefore rendering its rejection moot. Applicant traverses the rejection of claim 1-2 and 4-15 because the cited reference fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all the features of the claimed invention.

For example, the cited reference (Vierthaler) fails to disclose, teach, or suggest a broadcast television system committee (BTSC) decoder including a digital signal processor (DSP) configured to decode digital samples via a digital interface, wherein the digital samples are composite BTSC samples formatted in accordance with multi-channel television sound (MTS) standards, as recited in Applicant's claim 1. Similar features are also recited in claims 8 and 15. These features are taught, for example, in Applicant's specification in paragraph 0028.

By contrast, Vierthaler seems to be completely silent regarding any teaching related to composite digital samples received via a digital interface.

If a future Office Action rejects claim 1, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office Action specifically point out in the cited reference a BTSC decoder including a DSP configured to decode digital samples via a digital interface, wherein the digital samples are composite BTSC samples formatted in accordance with MTS standards.

It is respectfully pointed out that anticipation can only be established by a single prior art reference that discloses each and every element of the claimed invention. RCA Corp. v. Applied Digital Data Systems, Inc., 730 F.2d 1440 (Fed. Cir. 1984). Therefore, since the cited reference fails to recite each and every element recited in claims 1, 8, and 15, claims 1, 8, and 15 are not anticipated by the cited reference and are therefore allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 8, and 15 are therefore, respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 4-7 depend from claim 1 and claims 9-14 depend from claim 8. Therefore, claims 2, 4-7, and 9-14 are allowable at least for the reasons claims 1 and 8 are allowable, and for the specific features recited therein.

***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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